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September 1947 to March 1949

1. There was an airfield east of MOLOTOV (56°15'E/58°00'N), south of the Kama River, and southeast of the gun factory (see Annex).
2. The field had five or six hangars with semicircular roofs, boundary and obstacle lights.
3. The following flying activities were observed:
 - a. Individual and formation flying with single-engine fighters and twin-engine planes.
 - b. Parachute jumps from U-2 aircraft.
 - c. Night flying.

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June 1946 to October 1948

4. The airfield was located east of the town and south of the Kama River. There was a tank and an air force barracks west of the field. A road from the southern edge of the field to an aircraft plant in a woods was also observed. A gun factory, a tank plant, and an engineering camp were located north of the field, beyond a railroad line.

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a. The location of the field is confirmed by previous records. The field seems to have been made serviceable for night flying by the installation of lighting facilities. The report does not make it clear if the field had a runway.

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b. From the reported flying it is inferred that a flying school is located at the field. The following units were stationed there during the war:

(1) A flying school for pilots, aircraft gunners, naval airmen, and observers.

(2) A school for Molotov aircraft technicians.

(3) A naval air force school.

It seems that pilot training, ranging from primary training to night and instrument flying, was being conducted during the time of observation.

c. This is the first information on the aircraft plant in a woods. Since the other data furnished by source are very exact, this statement also seems correct. In addition to reports on the important Stalin Aircraft Engine Plant No. 19, information on the Aircraft Accessory Plant No. 33 has been received. The existence of a so-called aircraft assembly plant was repeatedly reported but it has not been possible to identify the plant.

1 Annex: Airfield East of MOLOTOV.

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